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SUBJECT: TASS NEWS AGENCY CASE

1. TRIAL OF TASS NEWS AGENCY CASE GOT UNDERWAY
MORNING OF MARCH 22, 1971, IN NEW YORK CRIMINAL COURT
BEFORE JEROME KIDDER. CHARGES AGAINST RABBI
KAHANE, ABE MUALLEM AND DAVID LEVINE WERE CRIMINAL
TERSPASS IN SECOND DEGREE, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF,
HARASSMENT, AND CONSPIRACY.

2. ATTORNEY FOR DEFENSE IS STANLEY COHEN,
15 PARK ROW, NYC. DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
PEOPLE IS MICHAEL CORRIERO.

3. AT 3:00 PM JURY OF SIX INDIVIDUALS WAS CHOSEN
WITH ONE ALTERNATE. CASE WILL RESUME AT 9:45 AM
MARCH 23.

4. AFTER JURY LEFT COURT ROOM, DEFENSE ATTORNEY
INFORMED JUDGE THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD REPRESENTA-
TIVE IN COURT ROOM WHO WAS TAKING NOTES ON TRIAL AND
AS RESULT, REQUESTED MISTRIAL. HE ALSO STATED THAT
REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE DEPARTMENT WAS TAKING NOTES ON
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF JURORS. JUDGE CALLED USUN
OFFICER TO STAND AND ASKED IF HE WERE TAKING NOTES.
USUN OFFICER STATED HE WAS TAKING NOTES AND HAD MADE

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NOTES OF NAMES OF JURORS. JUDGE STATED THIS WAS NOT PROPER BASIS FOR CALLING MISTRIAL AND DISMISSED REQUEST OF DEFENSE ATTORNEY. HE NEVERTHELESS APPEARED CRITICAL OF FACT THAT NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF JURORS WERE TAKEN, AND AS CONSEQUENCE NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELEGRAM.

5. IN ADDITION TO CRITICISM OF USUN OFFICER, DEFENSE ATTORNEY WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF MAYOR LINDSAY FOR HIS REMARKS VIS A VIS THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE. BUSH

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